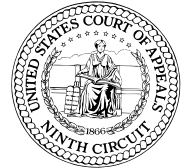




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August 6, 2008

CA9 Docket No.: 08-16762
Agency Number: 4:06-cv-02022-CW
Short Title: Liberty Mutual Insurance Compa v. Michael Blatt

Dear Counsel:

A copy of your notice of appeal/petition has been received in the Clerk's office of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

The U.S. Court of Appeals docket number shown above has been assigned to this case. You must indicate this Court of Appeals docket number whenever you communicate with this court regarding this case. Please furnish this docket number immediately to the court reporter if you place an order, or have placed an order, for portions of the trial transcripts. The court reporter will need this docket number when communicating with this court.

The due dates for designating and filing the reporter's transcript, if applicable, filing the parties' briefs and otherwise perfecting the appeal have been set by the enclosed "Time Schedule Order," pursuant to applicable FRAP rules. These dates can be extended only by court order. Failure of the appellant to comply with the time schedule order will result in automatic dismissal of the appeal.

Payment of the \$455.00 U.S. Court of Appeals docket fee is past due. Appellant shall correct this deficiency within 14 days. Failure to respond to this order within the time set out will result in the dismissal of the appeal for failure to prosecute. The fee is payable to the Clerk of the District Court, Tax Court or the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel for an appeal, and to the Clerk of this court in an agency case or original proceeding.

No papers may be filed with the court until the docket fee requirement has been satisfied. If the docket fee is not paid within ten days of the filing of the notice of appeal, dismissal proceedings will be commenced. 9th Cir. R. 42-1.

The following information is being provided in an attempt to answer the most frequently asked questions regarding the appellate process. Please review this information very carefully. For convenience, we use the term “Circuit Rules” instead of “Rules of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit” and “FRAP” instead of “Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure.”

Enclosed with this letter is an appellate processing schedule along with a case processing checklist to help you monitor the progress of your case.

Appellants/Petitioners who are filing pro se should refer to the accompanying information sheet regarding the filing of informal briefs.

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LIBERTY MUTUAL INSURANCE
COMPANY,

Plaintiff - Appellant,

v.

MICHAEL T. BLATT,

Defendant - Appellee.

No. 08-16762

D.C. No. 4:06-cv-02022-CW

Northern District of California,
Oakland

**TIME SCHEDULE
ORDER**

The parties shall meet the following time schedule:

Mon., August 11, 2008

Appellant/petitioner shall notify appellee/respondent of transcripts to be ordered, pursuant to 9th Cir. R. 10-3.1(a);

Tue., August 19, 2008

Appellee/respondent shall notify appellant/petitioner of any additional transcripts needed, pursuant to 9th Cir. R. 10-3.1(b);

Fri., August 29, 2008

Appellant/petitioner shall file transcript order form with the district court and make payment arrangements with court reporter, pursuant to 9th Cir. R. 10-3.1;

Fri., November 14, 2008

Appellant/petitioner's opening brief and excerpts of record shall be served and filed pursuant to FRAP 32 and 9th Cir. R. 32-1;

Mon., December 15, 2008

The brief of appellee/respondent shall be filed and served, pursuant to FRAP 32 and 9th Cir. R. 32-1

The optional appellant/petitioner reply brief shall be filed and served within fourteen days of service of the appellee/respondent's brief, pursuant to FRAP 32 and 9th Cir. R. 32-1.

Failure of the appellant to comply with the Time Schedule Order will result in automatic dismissal of the appeal. 9th Cir. R. 42-1

Appellants/Petitioners without representation of counsel in a prisoner appeal may have their case submitted on the briefs and record without oral argument, pursuant to FRAP 34(a). Within 10 days of the filing of the appellant's opening brief, parties may file a statement setting forth the reasons why, in the opinion of the parties, oral argument should be heard.

FOR THE COURT:

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